1. (Amended) A power source comprising:

at least one rectangular parallelepiped battery having a positive electrode on a first surface and a negative electrode on a second surface, the rectangular parallelepiped battery containing at least a pair of batteries connected in series, the rectangular parallelepiped battery having an intermediate electrode with an intermediate potential between potentials of the positive and negative electrodes;

a protection circuit including a protection switch disposed between a load having one end that is grounded and the negative electrode of the rectangular parallelepiped battery and a detection circuit that detects one of overcharging and over-discharging of the rectangular parallelepiped battery and turns off the protection switch accordingly;

a shield member including a sheet portion covering at least the protection switch such that the protection switch is shielded; and

an insulating member provided between the shield member and the protection circuit and between the shield member and the intermediate electrode of the rectangular parallelepiped battery,

wherein one end of the sheet portion of the shield member is connected to the negative electrode of the rectangular parallelepiped battery so as to be directly grounded, and

wherein the sheet portion and the insulating member of the shield member and intermediate potential electrode form a capacitor such that the intermediate potential electrode of the rectangular parallelepiped battery is connected to ground through the capacitor.

2. (Amended) The power source according to claim 1, further comprising:

a negative electrode terminal connected to the negative electrode of the rectangular parallelepiped battery;

a voltage detection terminal connected to the positive electrode of the rectangular parallelepiped battery;

an overcurrent detection terminal to measure a current that flows through the protection switch; and

a control terminal that generates a signal to turn off the protection switch,